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Claim 62 (previously presented) A method for preparing a film-forming composition comprising:

- a) mixing iota carrageenan in an amount of from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the composition, kappa carrageenan in an amount less than 100% by weight of the iota carrageenan and a bulking agent in a ratio of bulking agent to total carrageenan of from about 1:1 to about 20:1 to form a dry mixture;
- b) mixing a plasticizer and water to form a liquid mixture;
- c) heating the liquid mixture to a temperature of from about 75°C to about 90°C;
- d) adding the dry mixture to the heated mixture with stirring to form a dispersion; and
- e) heating the dispersion with stirring to a temperature of from about 85°C to about 95°C to form a uniform dispersion.

Claim 63 (original) The method of claim 62, further comprising casting a ribbon with the uniform dispersion.

Claim 64 (original) The method of claim 63, further comprising feeding the ribbon into  
a rotary die encapsulation machine.

Claim 65 (original) The method of claim 63, further comprising drying the ribbon to a  
moisture content of from about 5% to about 20%.

Claim 66 (original) The method of claim 65, further comprising feeding the dried ribbon  
into a rotary die encapsulation machine.

Claim 67 (original) The method of claim 62, further comprising extruding the uniform  
dispersion.

Claim 68 (original) The method of claim 67, wherein the extruded uniform dispersion is  
in the shape of a film, ribbon, sheet or tube.

Claim 69 (original) The method of claim 68, further comprising feeding the extruded  
uniform dispersion into a rotary die encapsulation machine.

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